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Mark S. Schell, et al.

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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is:

- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ An Amendment Responsive to the Office Action Dated May 30, 2003.
- ☐ An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed
- ☐ A Substitute Specification (pages 1 -) in clean form.
- ☐ A substitute specification (pages 1 -) with markings.
- ☐ An Abstract is enclosed.
- ☐ replacement sheets of drawings are enclosed comprising figures
- ☐ A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: is enclosed.
- ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.

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- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Attached Form 1449.
- ☐ A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ Appendices as follows:
- ☐ Other
- ☒ No Additional Fee is Due.
- ☐ Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27.
- ☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 as
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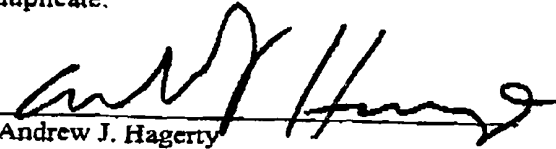
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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.

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- ☐ Amendments to the Specification begin on page _____ of this paper.
- ☒ Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ Amendments to the Drawings begin on page _____ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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